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AMENDMENT

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated February 18, 1999 in the file of the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows:

In the Specification:

Please add the attached sequence listing to the specification after page 21 to constitute a sequence listing for this patent application. Please insert these pages at the end of the specification of this application.

[Please add the following Abstract to the application:]

--ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A source of viral induced obesity has been discovered. A virus known as AD-36P has been found to be associated with

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